

REMARKS

The PTO alleges that the amendment filed on September 26, 2005 is non-compliant because the amendment to the drawings is not identified as "Replacement Sheet." However, the drawing attached to said amendment is NOT a drawing figure of Applicants' specification, but is instead an exhibit illustrating a *prior art* figure of JP '339 used by the Examiner in the pending rejection. The exhibit was attached to the amendment and accompanied with argumentation for the purpose of evidencing patentability of the present application (*see* page 9, lines 1+ of amendment filed September 26, 2005). Accordingly, the exhibit should not be labeled "Replacement Sheet," rendering the amendment filed September 26, 2005 fully compliant.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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